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I. Proposed provisional agenda for the substantive session of 2007 of the Council and list of documents for each agenda item

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General on the proposed theme for the high-level segment of the 2008 substantive session of the Council (General Assembly resolution 50/227, annex I)

2. High-level segment

A. High-level policy dialogue with international financial and trade institutions

Documentation

World Economic and Social Survey 2007 (chap. I) (Assembly resolutions 118 (II) and 52/180 and Council resolution 1983/50)

B. Thematic discussion

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the theme (Assembly resolution 61/16, para. 2 (c)) [theme to be selected at the organizational session for 2007]

C. Annual ministerial review

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the theme (Assembly resolution 61/16, para. 10) [theme to be selected at the organizational session for 2007]

World Economic and Social Survey 2007 (chap. I) (Assembly resolutions 118 (II) and 52/180 and Council resolution 1983/50)

Relevant part of the report of the Committee for Development Policy on its ninth session (Council resolutions 1079 (XXXIX) and 1998/46)
[At the 48th meeting of its resumed substantive session for 2006, the Council deferred consideration of the report of the Committee for Development Policy on its eighth session to its organizational session for 2007.]

Relevant part of the report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation (Council decision 2004/323)

D. Development Cooperation Forum

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on review and assessment of international economic and development policies and their impact on development — an analytical background report (Assembly resolution 61/16, para. 7)

Operational activities of the United Nations for the international development cooperation segment

3. Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation

(a) Follow-up to policy recommendations of the General Assembly

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on comprehensive statistical data on operational activities for development of the United Nations system (Assembly resolution 35/81)[1]

Report of the Secretary-General on the triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system (Assembly resolution 59/250, para. 103, and Council resolution 2006/14)[1]

Consolidated list of issues related to the coordination of operational activities (Council resolution 1998/27, para. 4)

(b) Reports of the Executive Boards of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund, the United Nations Children's Fund and the World Food Programme

Documentation

Reports of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund on its second regular session of 2006 and on its first regular session and annual session of 2007 (Assembly resolutions 48/162, annex, and 59/250 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Annual report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund (Assembly resolutions 48/162, annex, and 59/250 and Council resolution 1995/51) (E/2007/5)

Reports of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund on its second regular session of 2006 and on its first regular session and annual session of 2007 (Assembly resolutions 48/162, annex, and 59/250 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Annual report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund (Assembly resolutions 48/162, annex, and 59/250 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Report of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme on its 2006 sessions (Assembly resolutions 48/162, annex, and 59/250 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Annual report of the Executive Director of the World Food Programme (Assembly resolutions 50/8 and 59/250 and Council resolution 1995/51)

(c) Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries

Documentation

Report of the High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation on its fifteenth session (Assembly resolution 33/134)[1]

Coordination segment

4. The role of the United Nations system in promoting full and productive employment and decent work for all

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (Council decision 2006/274)

Humanitarian affairs segment

5. Special economic, humanitarian and disaster relief assistance

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the progress made in strengthening the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations (Assembly resolution 61/134 and Council resolution 2006/5)[1]

Report of the Secretary-General on the detailed use of the Central Emergency Response Fund (Assembly resolution 61/134)[1]

Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening emergency relief, rehabilitation, reconstruction and prevention in the aftermath of the Indian Ocean tsunami disaster (Assembly resolution 61/132)[1]

General segment

6. Implementation of and follow-up to major international United Nations conferences and summits

Documentation

Updated report of the Secretary-General on the role of the Economic and Social Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of the outcomes of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits, in the light of General Assembly resolutions 50/227, 52/12 B and 57/270 B (Council resolution 2006/44) (see also items 8, 13 and 14)

(a) Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development

Documentation

Summary by the President of the Council of the special high-level meeting of the Council with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (Assembly resolution 58/230 and Council resolution 2006/45)[1]

(b) Review and coordination of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010

Documentation

Annual progress report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010 (Assembly resolution 61/1 and Council resolution 2006/41)[1]

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Committee on World Food Security (Council resolution 1999/212)

7. Coordination, programme and other questions

(a) Reports of coordination bodies

Documentation

Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its forty-seventh session (Council resolution 2008 (LX))

Annual overview report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination for 2006 (Council decision 2001/321)

(b) Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009

Documentation

Relevant sections of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 (Council resolution 1988/77 and Assembly resolution 58/269)

(c) International cooperation in the field of informatics

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on action taken to follow up on the need to harmonize and improve United Nations informatics systems for optimal utilization and accessibility by all States, including the findings of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics and an assessment of its work and mandate (Council resolution 2006/35)

(d) Long-term programme of support for Haiti

Documentation

Report of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Haiti (Council resolution 2006/10)

(e) Mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly (Assembly resolution 61/145 and Council resolutions 2006/9 and 2006/36) (see also item 14 (a))

(f) Information and Communication Technologies Task Force

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Global Alliance for Information and Communication Technologies and Development (Council decision 2006/251)

(g) Ad hoc advisory groups on African countries emerging from conflict

Documentation

Report of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Guinea-Bissau (Council resolution 2006/11)

(h) Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS)

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Director of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) (Council resolution 2005/47)

(i) Calendar of conferences and meetings in the economic, social and related fields

Documentation

Draft calendar of conferences and meetings in the economic, social and related fields for 2008 and 2009 (Council decision 52 (LVII))

8. Implementation of General Assembly resolutions 50/227, 52/12 B and 57/270 B

Documentation

Updated report of the Secretary-General on the role of the Economic and Social Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of the outcomes of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits, in the light of General Assembly resolutions 50/227, 52/12 B and 57/270 B (Council resolution 2006/44) (see also items 6, 13 and 14)

9. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people (Assembly resolution 61/135 and Council resolution 2100 (LXIII))[1]

Report of the President of the Council on consultations held with the Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (Council resolution 2006/37)

Report of the Secretary-General on support to Non-Self-Governing Territories by the specialized agencies and international institutions associated with the United Nations (Council resolution 2006/37)

10. Regional cooperation

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (Council decision 1979/1)

Economic trends as well as risks and opportunities for the economies in the Economic Commission for Europe region

Overview of the economic report on Africa, 2007

Summary of the *Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific 2007*

Latin America and the Caribbean: economic situation and outlook, 2006-2007

Summary of the survey of economic and social developments in the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia region, 2006-2007

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Secretaries of the Economic Commission for Africa and the Economic Commission for Europe on the project for a Europe-Africa fixed link through the Strait of Gibraltar (Council resolution 2005/34)

11. Economic and social repercussions of the Israeli occupation on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Council resolution 2006/43[1]

12. Non-governmental organizations

Documentation

Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations (Council resolutions 3 (II) and 1996/31 and Council decisions 1995/304 and 2006/226)

13. Economic and environmental questions

Documentation

Updated report of the Secretary-General on the role of the Economic and Social Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of the outcomes of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits, in the light of General Assembly resolutions 50/227, 52/12 B and 57/270 B (Council resolution 2006/44) (see also items 6, 8 and 14)

(a) Sustainable development

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Sustainable Development on its fifteenth session (Council decisions 1993/207 and 2006/228)

Report of the Committee for Development Policy on its ninth session (Council resolutions 1079 (XXXIX and 1998/46) [the report of the Committee for

Development Policy on its eighth session was deferred for consideration by the Council at its organizational session for 2007 (decision 2006/265)]

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Public-Private Alliance for Rural Development (Council resolution 2005/42)

(b) Science and technology for development

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development on its tenth session (Assembly resolutions 46/235, annex, and 56/182) [the report of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development on its ninth session was deferred for further consideration by the Council at its organizational session for 2007 (decision 2006/268)]

(c) Statistics

Documentation

Report of the Statistical Commission on its thirty-eighth session (Council resolutions 8 (I), 8 (II) and 1566 (L) and Council decision 2006/232)

(d) Human settlements

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the coordinated implementation of the Habitat Agenda (Council decision 2006/247)

Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) (Assembly resolution 56/206)[1]

(e) Environment

Documentation

Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its twenty-fourth regular session (Assembly resolutions 2997 (XXVII), 53/242 and 61/205)[1]

Report of the Secretary-General on protection against products harmful to health and the environment (Assembly resolution 39/229 and Council resolution 2004/55)[1]

(f) Population and development

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Population and Development on its fortieth session (Assembly resolution 49/128 and Council decision 2006/233)

(g) Public administration and development

Documentation

Report of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration on its sixth session (Council resolution 2006/47)

(h) International cooperation in tax matters

Documentation

Report of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters on its second session (Council resolution 2006/48)

(i) United Nations Forum on Forests

Documentation

Report of the United Nations Forum on Forests on its seventh session (Council resolution 2000/35 and Council decision 2006/255)

(j) Assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions

Documentation

No request for advance documentation

(k) Cartography

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the seventeenth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Pacific, Bangkok, 18 to 22 September 2006 (Council resolutions 715 A (XXVII) and 1314 (XLIV) and Council decision 2004/304)

(l) Women and development

Documentation

Relevant sections of the report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its fifty-first session (Assembly resolution 42/178 and Council resolution 1987/24)

(m) Transport of dangerous goods

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (Council resolution 2005/53)

14. Social and human rights questions

Documentation

Updated report of the Secretary-General on the role of the Economic and Social Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of the outcomes of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits in the implementation of General Assembly resolutions 50/227, 52/12 B and 57/270 B (Council resolution 2006/44) (see also items 6, 8 and 13)

(a) Advancement of women

Documentation

Report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its fifty-first session (Council resolutions 11 (II) and 1147 (XLI) and Council decision 2006/235)

Report of the Secretary-General on follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly (Assembly resolution 61/145 and Council resolutions 2006/9 and 2006/36 (see also item 7 (e))

Results of the thirty-seventh and thirty-eighth sessions of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women: note by the Secretary-General[2]

Report of the Executive Board of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (Council resolution 1998 (LX))

(b) Social development

Documentation

Report of the Commission for Social Development on its forty-fifth session (Council resolution 10 (III) and Council decision 2006/238)

Report of the Secretary-General on "Youth in the global economy" of the World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond (Council resolution 2006/15)[3]

(c) Crime prevention and criminal justice

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its sixteenth session (Council resolution 1992/1 and Council decision 2006/239)

(d) Narcotic drugs

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its fiftieth session (Council resolution 9 (I) and Council decision 2006/241)

Report of the International Narcotics Control Board (article 15 of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961; article 18 of the Convention on Psychotropic Substances, 1971; and article 23 of the 1988 United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances)

(e) United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Documentation

Oral report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (Assembly resolution 58/153)

(f) Comprehensive implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action

Documentation

No request for advance documentation

(g) Human rights

Documentation

Report of the Human Rights Committee (article 45 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights)[1]

Report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (Council resolutions 1988 (LX) and 1985/17)

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (Assembly resolution 48/141)[1]

(h) Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

Documentation

Report of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues on its sixth session (Council resolution 2000/22 and Council decision 2006/272)

(i) Genetic privacy and non-discrimination

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on genetic privacy and non-discrimination (Council resolution 2004/9)

15. United Nations research and training institutes

Documentation

Report of the United Nations System Staff College in Turin, Italy (Assembly resolution 60/214)

II. Questions for inclusion in the programme of work of the Council for 2008 and list of documents for each agenda item[4]

Substantive session of 2008

Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General on the proposed theme for the high-level segment of the 2009 substantive session of the Council (General Assembly resolution 50/227, annex I)

A. High-level segment

High-level policy dialogue with international financial and trade institutions

Documentation

World Economic and Social Survey, 2007

Thematic discussion

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the theme [theme to be selected]

Annual ministerial review

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the theme [theme to be selected]

World Economic and Social Survey 2008

Relevant part of the report of the Committee for Development Policy on its tenth session

Relevant part of the report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation (Council decision 2004/323)

Development Cooperation Forum

B. Operational activities of the United Nations for the international development cooperation segment

Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation

[Theme/themes to be selected]

Follow-up to policy recommendations of the General Assembly

Reports of the Executive Boards of the United Nations Development Programme/ United Nations Population Fund, the United Nations Children's Fund and the World Food Programme

Documentation

Reports of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/ United Nations Population Fund on its second regular session of 2007 and on its first regular session and annual session of 2008 (Assembly resolutions 48/162, annex, and 59/250 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Annual report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund (Assembly resolutions 48/162, annex, and 59/250 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Reports of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund on its second regular session of 2007 and on its first regular session and annual session of 2008 (Assembly resolutions 48/162, annex, and 59/250 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Annual report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund (Assembly resolutions 48/162, annex, and 59/250 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Report of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme on its 2007 sessions (Assembly resolutions 48/162, annex, and 59/250 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Annual report of the Executive Director of the World Food Programme (Assembly resolutions 50/8 and 59/250 and Council resolution 1995/51)

C. Coordination segment

Coordination of the policies and activities of the specialized agencies and other bodies of the United Nations system related to the following themes

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the theme [theme to be selected]

D. Humanitarian affairs segment

Special economic, humanitarian and disaster relief assistance

E. General segment

Implementation of and follow-up to the major United Nations conferences and summits

Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development

Review and coordination of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010

Documentation

Annual progress report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010 (Assembly resolution 61/1 and Council decision 2001/320).

Coordination, programme and other questions

Reports of coordination bodies

Documentation

Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its forty-eighth session

Annual overview report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination for 2007

Proposed strategic framework for the biennium 2008-2009

Documentation

Relevant sections of the proposed strategic framework for the biennium 2008-2009 (Assembly resolution 58/269)

Mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system

Ad hoc advisory groups on African countries emerging from conflict

Tobacco or health

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Ad Hoc Inter-Agency Task Force on Tobacco Control (Council decision 2006/248)

Report of the Secretary-General on smoke-free United Nations premises (Council resolution 2006/42)

Implementation of General Assembly resolutions 50/227, 52/12 B and 57/270 B

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people (Council resolution 2100 (LXIII))[1]

Regional cooperation

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (Council decision 1979/1)

Summaries of the surveys of economic conditions in the five regions prepared by the regional commissions (Council resolution 1724 (LIII))

Economic and social repercussions of the Israeli occupation on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General[1]

Non-governmental organizations

Documentation

Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations (Council resolutions 3 (II) and 1996/31 and Council decision 1995/304)

Economic and environmental questions

Sustainable development

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Sustainable Development on its sixteenth session (Council decision 1993/207)

Report of the Committee for Development Policy on its tenth session (Council resolution 1079 (XXXIX))

Science and technology for development

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development on its eleventh session (Assembly resolution 46/235, annex)

Statistics

Documentation

Report of the Statistical Commission on its thirty-ninth session (Council resolutions 1768 (LIV) and 1999/8)

Human settlements

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the coordinated implementation of the Habitat Agenda[1]

Environment

Documentation

Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its tenth special session (Assembly resolutions 2997 (XXVII) and 53/242)[1]

Population and development

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Population and Development on its forty-first session (Assembly resolution 49/128 and Council decision 1995/209)

Public administration and development

Documentation

Report of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration on its seventh session (Council resolutions 2001/45 and 2003/60)

International cooperation in tax matters

Documentation

Report of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters on its third session (Council resolution 2004/69)

Assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions

Cartography

Documentation

Report of the ninth United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names, New York, 21-30 August 2007 (Council resolutions 715 A (XXVII) and 1314 (XLIV))

Report of the twenty-fourth session of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names, New York, 20 and 31 August 2007 (Council resolutions 715 A (XXVII) and 1314 (XLIV))

Women and development

Social and human rights questions

Advancement of women

Documentation

Report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its fifty-second session (Council resolutions 11 (II) and 1147 (XLI))

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (article 21 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women)[1]

Report of the Executive Board of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (Council resolution 1998 (LX))

Social development

Documentation

Report of the Commission for Social Development on its forty-sixth session (Council resolutions 10 (III) and 1996/7)

Crime prevention and criminal justice

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its seventeenth session (Council resolution 1992/1)

Narcotic drugs

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its fifty-first session (Council resolution 9 (I))

Report of the International Narcotics Control Board (article 15 of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961; article 18 of the Convention on Psychotropic Substances, 1971; and article 23 of the 1988 United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances)

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Oral report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (Assembly resolution 58/153)

Human rights

Documentation

Report of the Human Rights Committee (article 45 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights)[1]

Report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (Council resolutions 1988 (LX) and 1985/17)

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (Assembly resolution 48/141)[1]

Biennial Report of the Committee on the Rights of the Child (Assembly resolution 44/25, annex)[1]

Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

Documentation

Report of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues on its seventh session (Council resolution 2000/22)

Notes

[1] Submitted to the General Assembly through the Council.

[2] The report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, in its entirety, will be submitted to the General Assembly.

[3] Submitted to the General Assembly at its sixty-second session and to the Council at its substantive session of 2007 through the Commission for Social Development at its forty-fifth session.

[4] The list of questions will be revised in the light of the Council's deliberations on the proposed programme of work for 2007.